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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

[Docket No. RHS–26–MFH–0166]

Revised Fee Structure for Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program Initial and Annual Guarantee Fees

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; revision.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS or the Agency), a Rural Development agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is announcing a revision to the current fee structure for the Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program (GRRHP) initial and annual guarantee fees.

DATES: The effective date of the revised fees is September 30, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tammy Daniels, Finance and Loan Analyst, Multifamily Housing

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

The RHS administers the 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program (GRRHP) loans under the authority of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1490p–2) and operates under 7 CFR part 3565. As set forth in 7 CFR part 3565, the Agency will publish any changes to the fees in a Notice in the **Federal Register**.

Background

Under the GRRHP, RHS guarantees loans to develop housing and related facilities in rural areas. Section 538(g) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to charge lenders certain fees for loan guarantees (see, 42 U.S.C. 1490p–2(g)). The Agency uses these fees to offset the cost of loan guarantees under the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661 *et seq.*).

Revision

On March 3, 2022, the Agency announced four categories for initial and annual guarantee fees: a Standard Reduced Fee and further reduced fees for Workforce Housing; preservation of

existing Section 515, 514/516 Rural Development Properties; and Section 538 New Construction/Substantial Rehabilitation with Green (87 FR 12077).

To align with Executive Order 14148, which revoked certain climate-related executive orders, Executive Order 14394, which promotes leveraging Opportunity Zones for construction, and current Administration priorities, the Agency is replacing the Section 538 “New Construction/Substantial Rehabilitation with Green Category” with Section 538 “New Construction/Substantial Rehabilitation of Properties Located in Qualified Opportunity Zones.”

The Agency sets the fee structure for the Section 538 New Construction/Substantial Rehabilitation of Properties Located in Qualified Opportunity Zones at 60 basis points for the initial guarantee fee and 25 basis points for the annual guarantee fee.

A Qualified Opportunity Zone is an economically distressed community where new investments may qualify for preferential tax treatment if they meet certain conditions. Localities qualify as Qualified Opportunity Zones when the State nominates them, and the Internal Revenue Service certifies the nomination. Lenders must state and certify in the lender’s narrative that the property will be located in a designated Qualified Opportunity Zone.

The revised fee structure is as follows:

	Initial guarantee fee (due prior to or at closing)	Annual guarantee fee (due each year or portion of the year the guarantee re- mains in effect) *
	Basis points	Basis points
Standard Fee Structure	65	35
Workforce Housing—Rents between 80%–115% AMI	60	25
Preservation of Existing Section 515, 514/516 Rural Development Properties	60	25
Section 538 New Construction/Substantial Rehabilitation of Properties Located in Qualified Opportunity Zones	60	25

* The Agency requires payment of the annual guarantee fee in advance. (Example: A loan that closes on December 31, 2025 will incur the annual fee for 2026)

The Agency will continue to apply the further reduced Green category fee to complete the applications that it approved and obligated before the effective date of the new fee category. Applications that were eligible but not obligated before the effective date will not qualify for this further reduced fee.

However, the Agency will allow applicants who submitted applications before implementation of the new fee category, and whose applications the Agency has not yet obligated, to revise those applications to demonstrate that the property is located in a Qualified Opportunity Zone, if applicable.

Lenders should contact the appropriate Multifamily Housing Production and Preservation, Processing and Report Review Branch processor for guidance on submitting a revised application to

obtain the further reduced fee for Section 538 New Construction/Substantial Rehabilitation in Qualified Opportunity Zones. Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria for any further reduced fee will receive the standard reduced fee of 65 basis points for the initial guarantee fee and 35 basis points for the annual guarantee fee.

Non-Discrimination Statement

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George Kelly,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Five-Year Records Retention Requirement for Export Transactions and Boycott Actions

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on June 24, 2026, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

Title: Five-Year Records Retention Requirement for Export Transactions and Boycott

Actions.

OMB Control Number: 0694-0096.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Extension of a current information collection.

Number of Respondents: 100,000.

Average Hours per Response: 1 to 60 seconds.

Burden Hours: 23,383.

Needs and Uses: This collection is necessary under Sections 760 and 762.6(a) of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR). The five-year retention requirement corresponds with the statute of limitations for violations and is necessary to preserve potential evidence for investigations. All parties involved in the export, reexport, transshipment or diversion of items subject to the EAR and the U.S. party involved in the export transaction involving a reportable boycott request are required to maintain records of these activities for a period of five years. The frequency depends upon how often each entity is involved in an export transaction or one involving a reportable boycott request.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: 760 and 762.6(a) of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR).

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0694-0096.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-823-808]

Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Ukraine: Final Results of the Expedited Fifth Sunset Review of the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: As a result of this sunset review, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that termination of the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation of Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Ukraine (Agreement) and the suspended antidumping duty investigation would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels indicated in the "Final Results of Review" section of this notice.

DATES: Applicable September 30, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sally C. Gannon or Samantha Fino, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0162 or (202) 482-2861, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: